


## Prayer Start

— Mark Royall, Lead Pastor

I am so grateful for the faithful group of people who have been meeting on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to pray and intercede on behalf of our church. They are stepping up to help make a difference in a way which has always been the most effective way to bring revival and spiritual growth in the Church. I am talking of course about prayer. Our hope is to increase the number of people praying for revival and for changed lives in our church and community. As I was telling the Prayer Start group, my vision is that we will outgrow the table in the board room to where will have to move into a prayer room. I have a vision where the majority of our people will meet at church once a month for prayer in the sanctuary. I have experienced this kind of exciting venture in churches before and I believe God can work in us here to realize the same. 

*The front entrance received a make-over which includes sofas, chairs and tables welcoming our many visitors throughout the week and Sundays. To hear more about the vision and purpose of the front entrance area, listen to: I'll Have a Grande Lukewarm White Chocolate Mocha at [thegatechurch.ca/audio-messages](http://thegatechurch.ca/audio-messages).*



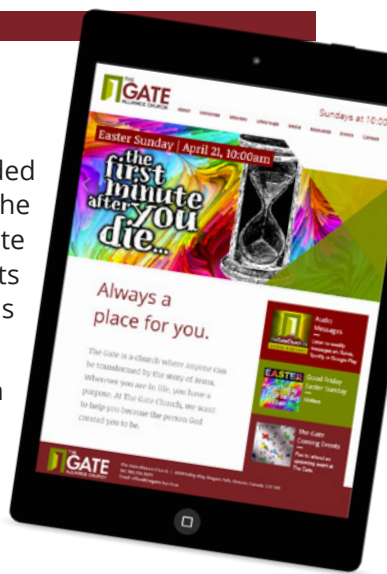
## Offline and Online

— David Gagné, Campus Director

It's been a few months since Isabelle and I landed in Niagara Falls at The Gate and we have hit the ground running. In addition to being the Gate Campus Couple we are also the Superintendents for the Valley Way Seniors. Isabelle is serving as the church bookkeeper.

During the week I may wear different hats on different days as no two days are the same. One role that I have is overseeing the campus rentals. There will soon be a rental focused website that will better promote the available spaces we have to offer to our community for rent. As well, we want to offer more distinct way-finding signs to help our guests navigate the hallways while on our Campus.

Speaking of websites, our new church website has been online since January 1. Since then, we have had 1,063 unique visitors from all over the world including the USA, Ireland, Switzerland and more. In addition there have been over 400 unique listens of our Sunday morning messages. 📺



# Church Renewal

**Church Renewal Round Table**  
**June 4 | 11:00am - 1:30pm**

The Gate Alliance Church is hosting Church Renewal founder, Pastor Ray Duerksen, for a lunch and information meeting for the Niagara Region. We are expecting a wonderful group of pastors and church leaders in the area to come and learn more about how Church Renewal is bringing renewal to many churches across Canada and the world. This event is happening on June 4th from 11am to 1:30pm. If you would like to sign up and join us, you can do so at: [thegatechurch.ca/churchrenewal](http://thegatechurch.ca/churchrenewal)

## Financial Freedom

— Isabelle Gagné, *The Money Plan*

We have heard several stories of people using the envelope system or paying off debt that was nagging them and so much more. It excites us to know that people learned something new and are applying it to bring about positive change with their finances and in their life. The 6 week course about: how to get out of debt; get on a plan and prepare for the future was just the start. From this recent 6 week course the following stats show this course helps people have hope.

**38 Households**  
*participated.*

**14 Credit Cards**  
*were CUT UP!!!*


**\$5,648**  
*in debt PAID OFF!!!*

**\$13,000**  
*SAVED & INVESTED!!!*

## Visitors Expected

— Mark Royall, *Lead Pastor*

You will find on church signs of many places of worship these two words, "Visitor's Welcome". I have adopted an attitude and practice of taking this a step further using these two words, "Visitor's Expected". We want to be prepared and ready for people to come to The Gate. This is one of the reasons we have the ConNEXTion Centre at the back of our sanctuary. It will better facilitate our visitors and our Gate regulars to get connected to next steps in our church's ministries.

It is also why we are introducing an effective way to follow-up on first time visitors to our church. We will invite first time visitors to fill out a Connection Card and bring it to the ConNEXTion Centre where they will receive a gift. The gift is a Gate Church mug with goodies and links to information about our church. The mugs are primarily for our first time visitors however, if you would like to purchase one they are available for \$8.00. You will see our ConNEXTion Centre in action over the coming weeks. 





*Pastor Mark leads members in prayer for our new Elders, Pete Kessler and Ray Peters.*



*Cooking classes are in session as Deb and volunteers teach the basics of food handling and preparation.*



*David & Isabelle delivered The Money Plan — a course that teaches that the borrower is slave to the lender and how to become debt free to live and give like no one else.*



*Thursday evening Worship Practice. If you play an instrument or sing, please connect with Pastor Mark and share your talent.*

# Coming Events

May 12  
Mother's Day

June 4 | 11:00am  
Church Renewal  
Round Table

June 16  
Father's Day

June 21-28  
Gymnasium Floor is  
being refinished

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